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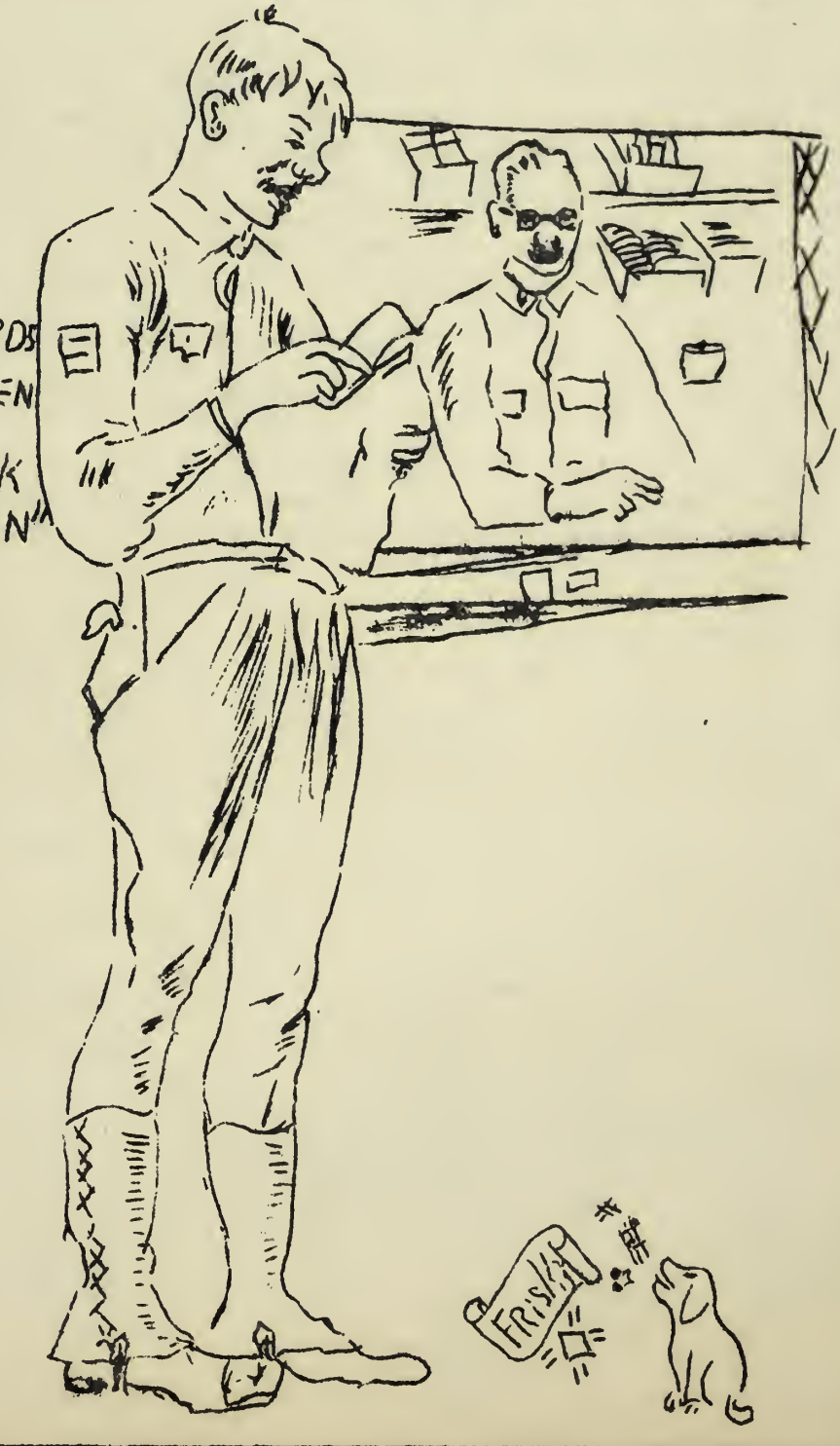

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LIBRARY TO RE-OPEN SOON

Owing to the lack of space a library has not been in camp. With the increase of space in the Educational Departments office there will be room for the library there. Shelves have already been built and the books will be in shortly. There will be a variety of books ranging from western and adventure stories to books dealing with the technical knowledge of different trades and professions.

The library also will contain several daily newspapers enabling the enrollees to keep in touch with current events. Mr. Merrin, Mr. Stem and Beans Smith will in charge, and one of them will be in attendence at all times.

Malora Preston Morten

Malora Preston Morten, who has been in the Walter Reed Memorial Hospital at Washington for over three months, returned to camp Saturday morning. Hewas sent from the camp at Penny Farms on October the twenty-fifth and this is his first sight of the new camp. He left for Washington when it was found he was suffering from a fractured skull. The injury was received while pitching horse shoes,and was not considered serious at first. A later examination, however, discovered the extent of the injury, and Major Spencer considered it advisable for Morten to be placed where he could receive the best of medical care.

We are happy to report the injury seems to have been cleared up. Morton is still quiet thin but a couple of weeks or a month of camp life will put the flesh that is needed to make him look like he did when we last saw him.

Flu Is About Gone

Old man sickness has about left this camp behind. The Flu has been in Camp for several weeks but is practically gone at last. There has been very few cases in the Infirmory the last week. We are glad that no Pneumonia cases came with the Flu.

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COMPANY ENJOYS DANCE

Friday night January 18 Company 1421 held their second dance since arriving in Myakka River Valley.

A large croud attended the affair and all seemed to have had a lovely evening of dancing.

An orchestra from Sarasota furnished the music.

The boys were a different looking bunch in their civilian dress clothes. They brought girls from the near-by cities, and did their part in showing them a lovely evening.

We had several guests that all hope to ahve them with us again. They are none other than the Officers wives. This Company was glad to have them visit our dance and extend an invitation to you to attend our dances.

The dance was attended by Officers of both departments almost a hundred per cent.

A set of Square Dancing was a scene of many mistakes as the boys knew very little about it. They showed good spirit in trying to learn. The music for the Square dance was furnished by the musicians from this camp.

Trucks arrived to the dance all duri ing the dance. The last to arrive was a truck load from Bradenton. It brought quiet a few good dancers and all had a nice time dancing.

The next dance will be February 1, so all of you who were not able to go after the girl friend last dance notify her and with the Officers permission trucks will be at your service to bring her to the dance.

AIRPLANES TO VISIT CAMP

Next Thursday afternoon the boys of this camp will have a chance to see the camp from the air.

After paying off the canteen checks and dodging Tarzan and other creditors if there is any money left among the boys, it will probably go for a flight among the clouds.

The Flying Circus which has been making it's base at the Sarasota - Bradenton flying field will send bring it's planes to this camp. They will land on the adjacent prarie and any enrollee for a flight for fifty cents. Thid offer will be good however, if seventy-five or more boys will sign up for a ride. If you care to see how the camp looks from the clouds and will have the fifty cents report to the office of th Educational Department before Tuesday night.

Come on all you air minded enrollees and let's have something that no other camp has had the pleasure of having. That is to be visited by an Air Circus.

If you have never been up before it will be a real treat for the money. If you have and want to try it again you had better sign up right away as such an offer may never come your way again. The regular price is from a dollar to five dollars. So you can see that you are not being charged too much.

"We have had two good dances", states the Lieutenants and will continue to have them as long as liquor stays away.

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BASKETBALL TEAM IDLE THIS WEEK

The Myakka Rattlers were idle this week owing to the fact that two games already schedualed had to be post-poned. The game with the Ringling Art School had to be called off because of rain which flooded the court making it impossible to play.

The offical league game with Sebring schedualed for Friday night had to be delayeddue to the illness of Ben Rich-ardson and the absence of Woodrow Cone and Bennie Dennard who are home on leave. This game will be re-schedualed

BOXING

The boxing program which was just recently inaugurated has already reached the proportions of the major sport of the camp. Every night when the ring is up the Recreation Hall is thronged with boys eager to show what they can do already several good boys have been developed and have made their appear-ences in a Sarasota ring. Manuel Hov-sepian defeated Sam Frey by a Techni-cal knock-out in the third round of thei bout and Shorty Davis knocked-out Dick Hunt in the third.

Wrestling has not been as prominent so far due to the fact that there has been no mat until recently. Many boys have indicated their preference for this sport and it will probably boom from now on.

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The FERA has made it possible for us to have another instructor besides the Educational Advisor and his assistant. To this camp they sent Mr. L.T.Stem Jr., and he has been put in charge of the different sports of this camp. He and the Army athletic officer have been doing all possible to make possible any sport that the boys show interest in.

These two men will soon see what the prospects are to have a winning Baseball team in this camp this Spring and summer. You know that before long the sport of all sports will get under way. The said sport is Baseball.

Last season thic camp had one of the best teams in the North Florida CCC league. Many of the players have left us. But more players have joined our ranks. Some of them have been out throwing the old pill around and show they know what it is all about.

This is only to start you boys to thinking about taking part in this and other sports in the near future.

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LET'S BE HAPPY

I like to turn men's thoughts away
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And have them contemplate with me
The happy things of life.
I like to lead them down the paths
Of natures' wonderland,
Where beauty, cheer, and peace of mind
Are found on every hand.

It seems to me that life should bring
More happiness and fun
More satisfaction and content
With every sting sun;
It seems to me that we should find
Release from daily care,
And spend more time where friendly joys
Are waiting everywhere.

So many things men think they need,
And slave so long to gain
Bring only misery and pain!
So many things that fill our lives
With drudgery and toil
And such a foolish price to pay
For all the fun they spoil!

And so, I like to turn men's thoughts,
As far as I may,
To things that halp them to forget
The burdens of the day;
I like to guide their weary steps
Where friendliness and cheer
Will drive discouragement away,
And bring contentment near.

The above poem is the contribution of one of our enrollees. He did not compose it but remembered it from the old school days. Let's have more in the future.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS

All I know is what I hear around the mess hall.

It seems as thought the new clerk Eddie. had quiet an experience in Sarasota this week. Not bding acquainted with the gi girls, they did not bother him a bit.

He asked a blond for a dance, while on the floor he gave a sniff or two and asked what kind of perfume she used."Rose",she replied, "and by the way my name is Rose".

Again he found himself with another girl. "What kind of perfume do you use", he asked with a smile? Violet, was the reply and my name is Violet too.

Once again Eddies' arms went around a slender waist. After taking a sniff or two he said, "Say I bet I can tell you your name".

It is too bad Jack Wertz the Old Master is no longer in camp. From the demonstration Cuesta gave the boys last week it appears that he would be a fair match for Jack.

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Tony the Wop Is getting more punch drunk, from shadow boxing.

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Barrack's Brieflets

Roney Willis sure offered a weird theory about Christopher Columbus the other day.

The O. D. caps have been getting another workout during the cold spell.

Fat Cuesta does not beleive hard work will get you a rating. Last weeHe worked up a sweat for about fifteen minuetes and still has no rating.

How did Willis make out Saturday night.

Quintana must have the mange or some - thing. He has been using sulpher and lard on himself.

What- a- man Blackburn. When he wants to see a show he wants to see a show.

Earl Gonzales gets along quite well with sign language.
Attention Earl ; there is a cradle waring to be snatched ,right under your nose-

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We see Gee has bought a new pipe.

At last we have another canidate for the title of Schnozzle left vacant by the discharge of Jossie Rawlins.

What is the matter with Chicken? Has he lost his power over the K.P.s.

Pla and company have been doing some heavy cradle-snatching lately. You cant blame them ,however, they are only cradles themselves.

Pongani the dean of K.Ps. has been Quite goosy lately

Earl Gonzalez is in one big fix he could'nt take K.P. so he went to the woods, however now he can't take the woods so he's trying to get back on K.P.

We may get some extra meat one of these days, Blount's liable to bite off his tongue.

Wuthrich is one swell boxer, No punch ever gets ty him-- those he doesn't stop with his guard, he stops with his stomach.

The German seems to be keeping his New Year's resolution: To keep clean and pure.
We wonder if Tarzanstill gets his laundry

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To our five readers;

The reason the paper has been looking so small lately was because I have been leaving my column out - Goldbricking boys Goldbricking. But anyway here goes;

Big Game Hunter Chicken still rates two mattresses. We wonder why?

Red Durden Still wears his eight and a half gallon hat.

The German still tows it to town with him

Shampoo said " I am going to Paint The Town Red- want to come with me and carry the bucket?

Every time Blacksmith Jenkins snores Barrack No. one trembles - and he snores every night.

Poor Cahone Couldn't even take K.P. He is getting worse than Carter.

You ought to see Zorrilla handle a grubbing hoe. Ask Cuebell.

We wonder why Earl Gonzales dosn't sleep nights.

Bencomo seems to be getting along swell with paint.

Our Platinum Blond seems to have a cold lately. Maybe it's the turtle-neck sweater?

Who were the two gentlemen who were ejected from the Ladies rest room of a Sarasota filling station.

Who was the blonde that Earl was fussso much with last Saturday.

Every lady had a nice time at the ance last Friday.

A girl asked Eddie Gonzales," DO you take your liquor straight?"
He replied" The first several drinks."
"And how do you take the others?"
" Swaying slightly."

Ben Richardson said to a certain girl " Honey can I take you home?" She replied " You can take me home." So another guy says "Come along , darling, we'll take you home2

"So a Peeping Tom eh!
" No Mom my name is Nilo."

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Some more for the readers;

The associate editor says to a cergal "Do you notice anything electrical about me?" She answered "Yes, you are as cold as a Frigidaire."

Yours Truly

NILO MENENDEZ.

SPACE FILLERS

Tony Desilvestri is getting slightly more punch-drunk from shadow boxing.

Scarborough seems to be slightly Turkish in his taste, and so does Triay.

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It would seem that Quintana and E. Mosely are now on regular K.P. (Every Saturday and Sunday.)

The waltz is undoubtedly the most lovely dance. However it is not so graceful when danced to all kinds of rythmn.

If Lt. Veal ever decides to put gates at the camp enterence, he would save a lot of trouble if he stationed Handsome Marco there with his mouth open.

So far WE have heard no complaints concerning the length of our Top-Kick's absence.